

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**

**Wells Fargo Insurance Services  
of Minnesota, Inc.,**

**8:08CV505**

**Plaintiff,**

**PROTECTIVE ORDER**

**v.**

**Wayne H. McDermott,  
Sharon L. McDermott, and  
Diversified Benefits Group, LLC,**

**Defendants.**

Upon request by the parties for an order pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c) that trade secret or other confidential information be disclosed only in designated ways,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. As used in this Protective Order, these terms have the following meanings:

“Attorneys” means counsel of record;

“Confidential” documents are documents designated pursuant to paragraph 2;

“Documents” are all materials within the scope of Fed. R. Civ. P. 34;

“Outside Vendors” means messenger, copy, coding, and other clerical-services vendors not employed by a party or its Attorneys; and

“Written Assurance” means an executed document in the form attached as Exhibit A.

2. A Party may designate a document “Confidential”, to protect information within the scope of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c), or the precedents thereto.

3. All Confidential documents, along with the information contained in the documents, shall be used solely for the purpose of this action, and no person receiving such documents shall, directly or indirectly, use, transfer, disclose, or communicate in any way the documents or their contents to any person other than those specified in paragraph 4 . Any other use is prohibited. Furthermore, the parties will endeavor to keep the number of duplicate copies of any Confidential document or electronic

versions of such documents to a minimum to reduce the risk of any inadvertent disclosure of the documents.

4. Access to any Confidential document shall be limited to:

- (a) the Court and its staff;
- (b) Attorneys, their law firms, and their Outside Vendors;
- (c) persons shown on the face of the document to have authored or received it;
- (d) court reporters retained to transcribe testimony;
- (e) the parties;
- (f) outside independent persons (i.e., persons not currently or formerly employed by, consulting with, or otherwise associated with any party) who are retained by a party or its Attorneys to furnish technical or expert services, and/or to give testimony in this action.
- (g) outside independent persons (i.e., persons not currently or formerly employed by, consulting with, or otherwise associated with any party) who are retained by a party or its Attorneys to provide assistance as mock jurors or focus group members or the like.

6. Third parties producing documents in the course of this action may also designate documents as "Confidential", subject to the same protections and constraints as the parties to the action. A copy of this Protective Order shall be served along with any subpoena served in connection with this action. All documents produced by such third parties shall be treated as "Confidential" for a period of 15 days from the date of their production, and during that period any party may designate such documents as "Confidential" pursuant to the terms of this Protective Order.

7. Each person appropriately designated pursuant to paragraph 4(f) to receive Confidential information shall execute a "Written Assurance" in the form attached as Exhibit A. Opposing counsel shall be notified at least 10 days prior to disclosure to any such person who is known to be an employee or agent of, or consultant to, any competitor of the party whose designated documents are sought to be disclosed. Such notice shall provide a reasonable description of the outside independent person to whom disclosure is sought sufficient to permit objection to be

made. If a party objects in writing to such disclosure within 10 days after receipt of notice, no disclosure shall be made until the party seeking disclosure obtains the prior approval of the Court or the objecting party.

8. All depositions or portions of depositions taken in this action that contain trade secret or other confidential information may be designated "Confidential" and thereby obtain the protections accorded other "Confidential" documents. Confidentiality designations for depositions shall be made either on the record or by written notice to the other party within 10 days of receipt of the transcript. Unless otherwise agreed, depositions shall be treated as "Confidential" during the 10-day period following receipt of the transcript. The deposition of any witness (or any portion of such deposition) that encompasses Confidential information shall be taken only in the presence of persons who are qualified to have access to such information.

9. Any party who inadvertently fails to identify documents as "Confidential" shall, promptly upon discovery of its oversight, provide written notice of the error and substitute appropriately-designated documents. Any party receiving such improperly-designated documents shall retrieve such documents from persons not entitled to receive those documents and, upon receipt of the substitute documents, shall return or destroy the improperly-designated documents.

10. If a party files a document containing Confidential information with the Court, it shall do so in compliance with the Electronic Case Filing Procedures for the District of Nebraska. Prior to disclosure at trial or a hearing of materials or information designated "Confidential", the parties may seek further protections against public disclosure from the Court.

11. Any party may request a change in the designation of any information designated "Confidential". Any such document shall be treated as designated until the change is completed. If the requested change in designation is not agreed to, the party seeking the change may move the Court for appropriate relief, providing notice to any third party whose designation of produced documents as "Confidential" in the action may be affected. The party asserting that the material is Confidential shall have the burden of proving that the information in question is within the scope of protection afforded by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c).

12. Within 60 days of the termination of this action, including any appeals, each party shall either destroy or return to the opposing party all documents designated by the opposing party as "Confidential", and all copies of such documents, and shall destroy all extracts and/or data taken from such documents. Each party shall provide a certification as to such return or destruction within the 60-day period. However, Attorneys shall be entitled to retain a set of all documents filed with the Court and all correspondence generated in connection with the action.

13. Within 60 days following the expiration of the last period for appeal from any order issued in connection with this action, the parties shall be allowed to remove any materials designated by that party as "Confidential" from the office of the Clerk of Court. Following the 60-day period, the Clerk of Court shall destroy all "Confidential" materials.

14. Any party may apply to the Court for a modification of this Protective Order, and nothing in this Protective Order shall be construed to prevent a party from seeking such further provisions enhancing or limiting confidentiality as may be appropriate.

15. No action taken in accordance with this Protective Order shall be construed as a waiver of any claim or defense in the action or of any position as to discoverability or admissibility of evidence.

16. The obligations imposed by this Protective Order shall survive the termination of this action.

***Stipulated to:***

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Dated: June 9, 2009

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DATED this 24th day of June, 2009.

BY THE COURT:

s/Thomas D. Thalken  
United States Magistrate Judge

**EXHIBIT A**  
**WRITTEN ASSURANCE**

\_\_\_\_\_ declares that:

I reside at \_\_\_\_\_ in the City of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_.  
My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_.

I am currently employed by \_\_\_\_\_, located at \_\_\_\_\_, and my current job title is \_\_\_\_\_.

I have read and I understand the terms of the Protective Order dated June 24, 2009, filed in Case No. 8:08CV505, pending in the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska. I agree to comply with and be bound by the provisions of the Protective Order. I understand that any violation of the Protective Order may subject me to sanctions by the Court.

I shall not divulge any documents, or copies of documents, designated "Confidential" obtained pursuant to such Protective Order, or the contents of such documents, to any person other than those specifically authorized by the Protective Order. I shall not copy or use such documents except for the purposes of this action and pursuant to the terms of the Protective Order.

As soon as practical, but no later than 30 days after final termination of this action, I shall return to the attorney from whom I have received any documents in my possession designated "Confidential", and all copies, excerpts, summaries, notes, digests, abstracts, and indices relating to such documents.

I submit myself to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska for the purpose of enforcing or otherwise providing relief relating to the Protective Order.

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_